

Montana WIC Program eWIC Working Group Conference Call Notes November 10, 2016

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eWIC Project Schedule Update

- The MT WIC Program eWIC schedule has been delayed. Our new target for pilot area is June 2017 and statewide rollout in September 2017.
- This is the result of delays in funding approvals from USDA.

The pilot area will still include retailers in the following counties: Lewis and Clark, Jefferson, Broadwater, Powell, Madison, Silver Bow, Deer Lodge, Beaverhead and Meagher. Click [HERE](#) to learn which retailers are in the pilot area.

UPC Database

We are currently working through the UPC data we have collected so far (standardizing naming conventions, category, UOM, quantity assignments). Our next major activity is to go through and approve or deny the items as per MT WIC's list. We can't distribute the list for you all to check your inventory systems against until we sort through the ones that are MT approved.

We are also in the process of collecting additional UPC data. Our UPC collection timeline: visiting stores throughout the fall and visiting selected stores in early winter to test our data and collect further data.

Target date of when to have APL: April 2017 – probably will have it earlier.

eWIC Enablement

Earlier this year we received USDA funding to assist retailers in upgrading and/or installing POS systems that can conduct integrated eWIC transactions. Right now our retailer enablement budget is fully committed and we are in the process of moving forward with this process to ensure our retailers are ready for state-wide rollout next summer.

Question and Answer

- Q. When a store has a change in UPC data what is the store supposed to do? How does the store notify the MT WIC program of this change?

- A. The MT WIC Program will have an online form that a retailer can use to notify the WIC program of a UPC change. Also, the retailer can call the program directly or send an email message to the retail team. Retailers will be notified when the online form is available, and in the meantime may call or email [Kevin Moore](#) (406-444-5530) with UPC questions or information.
- Q: Will the WIC program send out a bi-annual UPC form to retailers that will be like the price survey, except it will be a form to update the MT WIC program regarding new UPC data that the store has received?
- A: This is a good idea. The Montana WIC Program will consider this option to help ensure the UPC database is kept fully updated.

Thank you for your participation in this call and please join us for our next call.

Next Call: February 9th , 2017 at 10:00am

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